

HB 447 -- Eminent Domain

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This bill restricts the ability of the state and political subdivisions to condemn farmland by eminent domain by requiring that all reasonable alternatives be considered and disclosed to the public. Farmland previously acquired by eminent domain but no longer needed cannot later be sold to the public, but must revert to the original landowner or his or her heirs. Landowners have five years to negotiate claims for damages from construction not confirmed at the time of the original taking.